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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: 2020-555

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: September 8, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

Date of Analysis: September 9, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization, designation of oversight agency, and one cycle emergency passage requested

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of $2,627,267 from Coronavirus Relief Funds funding passed-through Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) to the City of Jacksonville. This bill also authorizes, on behalf of the City, the Coronavirus Relief Fund Subrecipient Agreement. Oversight will be provided by the Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department. One cycle emergency passage is requested because the CARES Act funds must be fully expended by December 30, 2020 or otherwise will be returned to FHFC and returned to the U.S. Treasury Department.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide housing-related financial assistance for those who have experienced a hardship, as related to effects from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible uses for the housing assistance would include activities that occur between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, such as rental and mortgage assistance (and related counseling); emergency home repairs; new construction if related specifically to a need caused by the COVID-19 emergency and proposed to and approved by FHFC prior to implementation. The City may use up to 10% for administrative costs, as well as a reasonable project delivery cost for services provided by third party individuals or organizations.

Policy Impact Area: COVID-19 pandemic - housing-related assistance

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of $2,627,267 in CARES Act funds, as initiated by B.T. 20-111

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